



Building Strong Families

IN MERCER COUNTY



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OUR FOCUS

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Extension is committed to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families throughout Kentucky. Our educational programs focus on making healthy lifestyle choices, nurturing families, embracing life as we age, securing financial stability, promoting healthy homes and communities, accessing nutritious food, and empowering community leaders.

OUR SUCCESS

In 2018-2019,
Family and
Consumer Sciences
Extension made

5,869

contacts with
individuals and
families in
Mercer County.

SPOTLIGHT: MERCER COUNTY

County Fair Floral Hall event



The 2019 Kentucky Extension Community Assessment report for Mercer County showed top priorities for “increased support for small business” and “more market opportunities for farmers.” The Mercer County Cooperative Extension Service partnered with the Mercer County Fair Board, Arts Council of Mercer County, and Extension Leaders (including Homemakers, Master Gardeners, cultural arts groups, and farmers’ market vendors) to develop a successful County Fair Floral Hall event. The event regularly utilizes 20 to 30 volunteers from ages 8 to 88. In 2019, there were 120 exhibitors and 768 exhibits totaling \$2,200 in premiums given out and 695 exhibit visitors over the weeklong event. This program allowed residents to exhibit at the State Fair by dropping their entries at the Extension office. Participants won a total of five ribbons at the State Fair. Follow-up information will be available after July 15, 2020.

KENTUCKY EXTENSION PROGRAMMING COMMUNITY IMPACT

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Extension professionals actively work to reach our goals by offering educational programs that serve to improve the quality of life for individuals and families in our commonwealth. Mercer County's FCS Extension programming in 2018-2019 contributed to the following results in Kentucky.



265,288

youth participated
in local Extension
programming.



25,496

pints of food
were preserved.



\$114,057

increase in sales
due to Plate it Up
Kentucky Proud.



492,813

volunteer hours were reported
by FCS Extension
program volunteers.



16,478,089

miles were walked
by program participants.



71,525

participants reported
making positive
behavior changes.

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